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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 25 November 1996

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Angola (S/1996/960)

UNPREDEP (S/1996/961)

Somalia

Western Sahara (S/1996/931)

Other matters

4.30 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Recommendation for the appointment of the Secretary General of the United Nations

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

10 a.m.	64th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Strengthening of the United Nations system [48]

FIFTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 3rd meeting of the General Committee will take place on Wednesday, 27 November 1996, at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider requests for the inclusion of two additional items (A/51/232 and A/51/233) [8].

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 4

General debate, consideration of and action on draft resolution(s) on agenda item 62 (The question of Antarctica) (A/51/390)

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 3

1. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [84] (A/51/13, A/51/369, A/51/370, A/51/371, A/51/439, A/51/476, A/51/495, A/51/509, A/50/915-S/1996/235; A/C.4/51/L.12 to 18).

2. Report the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [85](A/51/99 and Add.-2, A/51/310, A/51/407, A/51/411, A/51/429, A/51/514, A/51/516, A/51/517, A/51/518, A/50/915, A/C.4/51/L.19-L.23)

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	36th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Sectoral policy questions [95]

   (b) Food and sustainable agricultural development

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.38

2. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.2

3. Macroeconomic policy questions [94]

   (c) Trade and development

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.25

4. Sustainable development and international economic co-operation [96]

   (a) Implementation and follow-up to major consensus agreements on development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/51/L.13 and L.32

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	50th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	51st meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions [110] (A/53/3 (Parts I and II), A/51/81, A/51/87, A/51/90, A/51/114, A/51/208-S/1996/543, A/51/210, A/51/462-S/1996/831, A/C.3/51/9)

2. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)] (A/51/201, A/51/395, A/51/453 and Add.1, A/51/457, A/51/480, A/51/506, A/51/536, A/51/539, A/51/542 and Add.1* and Add.2*, A/51/552, A/51/555, A/51/558, A/51/561, A/51/641, A/51/650, A/51/153, A/51/170, A/51/290, A/C.3/51/6, A/C.3/51/17)

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/51/L.39 (Programme budget implications in L.51), L.45, L.46, L.47, L.48, L.50, L.52, L.54, L.56, L.57, L.58, L.60, L.62, L.65, L.70, L.71

3. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)] (A/51/347, A/51/459, A/51/460, A/51/466, A/51/478, A/51/479, A/51/481, A/51/483 and Add.1, A/51/490, A/51/496, A/51/507, A/51/538, A/51/556, A/51/557, A/51/651, A/51/657, A/51/660, A/51/663, A/51/665, A/483/Add.2, A/496/Add.1, A/51/80-S/1996/194), A/51/189, A/51/203-E/1996/86, A/51/204, A/51/271, A/51/532-S/1996/864, A/C.3/51/3, A/C.3/51/8, A/C.3/51/10, A/C.3/51/11, A/C.3/51/12, A/C.3/51/13, A/C.3/51/15, A/C.3/51/16*)

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/51/L.40, L.41, L.43, L.44, L.53, L.55, L.59, L.61, L.63, L.64, L.66, L.68, L.69

4. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [110 (d)] (A/51/36)

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.67

5. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [110 (e)] (A/51/36)

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.42

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 114 (Programme planning (A/51/6 (Perspective), A/51/6 (Note), A/51/6 (fascicle), A/51/6 (Prog.9)/Rev.1, A/51/6 (Prog.11)/Rev.1, A/51/16 (Parts I and II), A/C.5/51/10 and Add.1, A/C.5/51/19, A/C.6/51/8 and Add.1-2, A/C.5/51/26 and A/C.5/51/31))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	32nd meeting	Conference Room 2

1. United Nations common system [121] (E/1993/119 and Add.1, A/50/30 and Add.1, A/C.5/50/23, A/51/30, A/C.5/51/24 and A/C.5/51/25 and Corr.1)

   Introduction

2. United Nations pension system [122] (A/51/9 and Corr.1, A/51/644 and A/C.5/51/4)

   Introduction

3. Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 [116]

   (a) Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council (A/C.5/51/20)

   (b) Budget for the International Seabed Authority (A/C.5/51/21 and A/51/7/Add.2)

   Introduction and general discussion

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Financing of the International Tribunal: Rwanda

INVESTMENTS COMMITTEE

9 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9
2.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 25 November 1996

GROUP OF 77
(Second Committee matters: draft resolution on communications for development)

9.30 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(Second Committee matters: draft resolution on population and development)

10 a.m.-11a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(Second Committee matters: draft resolutions on theWorld Summit for Children and on trade and development)

10 a.m.-12 noon	closed meeting	Conference Room C

GROUP OF 77
(Second Committee matters: strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations (item 21))

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT: OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

CENTRAL AMERICAN GROUP

4 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77
(Second Committee matters: on all outstanding draft resolutions currently under negotiations)

6 p.m.-7 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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Informal meetings

Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) will be held on Monday, 25 November 1996, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO) will be held on Monday, 25 November 1996, at 3.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia (UNOMIL) will be held on Monday, 25 November 1996, at 4 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 26 November 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

10 a.m.	65th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall	

Report of the Security Council (A/51/2) [11].

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 3

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	37th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	38th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	52nd meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	53rd meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed meeting)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed meeting)	Conference Room 6

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 21)

Delegations are reminded that informal consultations on draft proposals under item 21 and all its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa (Austria) on Tuesday, 26 November 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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The Extended Bureau of the Committee of Information will hold consultations with the Department of Public Information on Tuesday, 26 November 1996 at 12 noon in Room S-1027.

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The 225th meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Tuesday, 26 November 1996 at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, 29 November 1996, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to commemorate the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 32/40 B of 2 December 1977. All Member States, United Nations bodies and agencies and observers are invited to attend.

Screening of films

On the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of a series of films from Friday, 29 November to Thursday, 5 December 1996, in the Dag-Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, at 1 p.m.

Exhibition

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian cultural exhibition entitled "Preserving the Legacy, A New Dawn of Hope" on the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibition will be displayed in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building from Friday, 29 November, to Thursday, 5 December 1996.

The formal opening of the exhibition is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Friday, 29 November 1996, in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Ad Hoc Informal Open-ended Support Group to assist the Commission for Social Development in the preparations for the International Year of Older Persons in 1999 will meet on Monday, 9 December 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Items on the agenda for the meeting include an introduction on general aspects of the Year, national efforts in preparation of the Year (delegates are invited to provide inputs) and preparations by non-governmental organizations for the Year. All delegations are invited to participate.

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Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA

The seventh meeting of the ad hoc open-ended working group on rules of procedure of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund will be held on Tuesday, 10 December 1996, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (*on Fifth Committee matters*) on Wednesday, 27 November 1996, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Wednesday, 27 November 1996, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council, to hear briefings by: (a) the Under-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development on the Special session of the General Assembly on Agenda 21; (b) the President of the General Assembly; and (c) the Chairman of the Fifth Committee.

Announcement

The Presidency of the Security Council will conduct an informal briefing on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council at *3 p.m.* on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the month of November, except on those days when no consultations of the whole of the Council are scheduled.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 20 November 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 46th meeting

Human rights questions [110]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(c) Human rights situations and report of special rapporteurs and representatives;

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee continued its general discussion of the sub-items. Statements were made by the representatives of Kazakstan, Colombia, Croatia, Viet Nam, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, El Salvador, Pakistan and Nigeria.

Advancement of women [103]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

*Action on draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.21**

The Secretary of the Committee read out a statement of programme budget implications.

The representative of Norway orally revised the draft resolution.

It was announced that the Bahamas, Belgium, Bhutan, Burundi, Cape Verde, the Central African Republic, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Kenya, Malta, Namibia, Peru, Rwanda, the Solomon Islands, Thailand, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the United Kingdom, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe had joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the United States.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the United States.

The Committee then decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of document A/51/277.

The Committee concluded its consideration of the item.

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [106]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft proposal A/C.3/51/L.38

The representative of Costa Rica introduced a proposed amendment to draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.37 on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.31

The Chairperson announced that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary of the Committee read out oral revisions made at the time of introduction.

It was announced that Belarus, Bulgaria, Colombia, Guinea-Bissau, Jamaica, Kyrgyzstan, Monaco, Paraguay, Rwanda, Samoa, San Marino and the United Kingdom had joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Malta.

Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [110 (a)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of sub-item 110 (a).

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.32

The Chairman informed the Committee that the draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

The representative of Mexico made a statement.

It was announced that Nigeria and Yemen had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.35/Rev.1

The Chairman informed the Committee that the draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

The representatives of Mali and Poland made statements.

It was announced that Peru, the Philippines, Ukraine, France, Canada, Cape Verde, Costa Rica, Mauritius, El Salvador, Ecuador, Kyrgyzstan, Venezuela, the United Kingdom, the United States, Guatemala, Japan, Austria, Nepal, Rwanda, the Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Fiji, Mongolia, Nigeria, the Marshall Islands and Eritrea had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Right of reply

The representative of Burundi made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

Thursday, 21 November 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

47th meeting

Human rights questions [110]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(c) Human rights situations and report of special rapporteurs and representatives;

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee continued its general discussion of the sub-items.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cyprus, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Myanmar, Benin, Kenya, Algeria, the Republic of Moldova, the Republic of Korea, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Nicaragua, the United States, Morocco, Bulgaria, Romania, Latvia and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110(b)]

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.36

The representative of Cuba introduced the draft resolution.

Right of reply

The representatives of China, Nigeria and Iraq made statements in the exercise of the right of reply.

Friday, 22 November 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 19th and 20th meetings

Note: The summary of the 19th and 20th meetings of the Fourth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1996/230).

THIRD COMMITTEE 48h and 49th meetings

Note: The summary of the 48h and 49th meetings of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1996/230).

SIXTH COMMITTEE 46th meeting

Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives [143]

Statements were made by the representatives of Norway (on behalf of the Nordic countries), Cuba, Turkey, Ghana and Ireland (on behalf of the European Union and Associate States).

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International Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Seventeenth session
United Nations Office of Geneva

THURSDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 1996

278th and 279th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 f the Convention [4]

The Committee considered the initial report of Georgia (CAT/C/28/Add.1).

In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report submitted by their Government and replied to questions raised and comments made by members of the Committee.

The Committee also concluded its consideration of the second periodic report of Poland (CAT/C/25/Add.9).

Organizational and other matters [2]

The Committee considered various issues relating to the item.

Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention [6]

The Commission continued its consideration of the item.

FRIDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 1996

280th meeting

The High Commissioner for Human Rights addressed the Committee.

Organizational and other matters [2]

The Committee adopted various decisions relating to the item in closed session.

Closure of the session

The Chairman declared closed the seventeenth session of the Committee.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Fifteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 1996

33rd and 34th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties in accordance with article 16 of the Covenant [4]

The Committee continued its consideration of the second periodic report of Portugal in respect of Macao (E/1990/6/Add.8).

In accordance with rule 62 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and comments made by members of the Committee.

The Committee began its consideration of the third periodic report of Belarus (E/1994/104/Add.6). In accordance with rule 62 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report submitted by their Government and replied to questions raised and comments made by members of the Committee.

FRIDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 1996

35th and 36th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties in accordance with article 16 of the Covenant [4]

The Committee continued, in private meeting, its consideration of the second periodic report of Portugal in respect of Macao (E/1990/6/Add.8).

The Committee continued its consideration of the third periodic report of Belarus (E/1994/104/Add.6). In accordance with rule 62 of the Rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and comments made by members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Agreement Establishing the Bank for Economic Cooperation and Development in the Middle East and North Africa, done on 28 August 1996

Signature: Russian Federation and United States of America (22 November 1996)

International Natural Rubber Agreement, 1995, concluded at Geneva on 17 February 1995

Ratification: Austria (20 November 1996)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, concluded at Vienna on 23 May 1969

Ratification: Costa Rica (22 November 1996)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, adopted at the Fourth Meeting of the Parties at Copenhagen on 25 November 1992

Accession: Liechtenstein (22 November 1996)*

Convention on Biological Diversity, opened for signature at Rio de Janeiro on 5 June 1992

Ratification: Belgium (22 November 1996)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of November has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Cameroon
H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Mpay
Chargé d'affaires

Asian States:
Lebanon
H.E. Mr. Samir Moubarak

Eastern European States:
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
H.E. Mr. Denko Maleski

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Jamaica
H.E. Miss M. Patricia Durrant

Western European and Other States:
Belgium
H.E. Mr. Alex Reyn

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